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ACT UP plan sways officials

Treatment activists meet in D.C. and convince medical experts and drug manufacturers to sign on to an 18 month plan that would speed research and approval of drugs used to treat opportunistic infections that affect PWAs

By Laura Briggs

WASHINGTON—Activists last week announced a new offensive in the fight against AIDS, calling on researchers to find treatments within the next 18 months for infections which most frequently kill people with AIDS. And, at a meeting with activists Nov. 13, a number of high-level officials and researchers agreed to sign on to the proposal, at least in theory.

"The goal is both realistic and scientifically plausible," said Derek Link of the ACT UP/NY Treatment and Data Committee, and one of the authors of the plan, Countdown 18 Months.

The Countdown 18 Months initiative was released to the public Nov. 12, following the ACT UP AIDS Treatment Activists Conference (ATAC), which drew about 300 people from ACT UP Treatment and Data Committees around the country. That conference also provided a prelude for a researchers' conference, the AIDS Clinical Trials Group (ACTG) meeting held Nov. 12-15.

Activists, many of whom attended both conferences, distributed a 50-page booklet written by ACT UP/New York members. It calls on researchers to find treatments for the following infections: pneumocystis carinii pneumonia (PCP), cytomegalovirus, toxoplasma gondii, mycobacterium avium intracellular complex (MAI or MAC) and fungal infections. The booklet also documents the feasibility of an 18-month-time line, "if all the impediments to research are removed," said Link.

On the second day of the ACTG conference, activists sponsored a meeting that got "all of the people in one room that we've ever wanted to get in one room," Link told GCN. Representatives from 10 drug companies, the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the ACTG, the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) and members of Congress met with activists. And while Link characterized the meeting as "difficult" ("it's hard to be at a meeting with people who look at you like you're an alien"), he said that an important ACT UP goal was met: many of the people at the meeting signed on to the project.

"Not all of the drugs we targeted are going to be wonder drugs. Some of them are not going to work, but at least we'll know that they don't work," said Link, adding, "and some of them will work."

The initiative, developed by ACT UP/New York, took three months to create, according to Garance Franke-Ruta, who was another principal author of the plan. She told GCN

that conversations with researchers inside and outside ACT UP were integral to the process of drafting the proposal.

"We've always had a better relationship with [opportunistic-infection] researchers, because it wasn't until ACT UP put pressure on the ACTG" that they were able to get support for their work, said Franke-Ruta. ACT UP has argued for years that scientists need to spend more time looking for treatments for opportunistic infections that actually kill people, rather than focusing exclusively on HIV, a virus thought by many to be a cause of AIDS. Franke-Ruta added, "There is more support now for research on [opportunistic infections], now that researchers have discovered how difficult HIV is to unravel."

There are some treatments available for many of the infections targeted by Countdown 18 Months, but because information has not always been easily accessible, individual doctors may be unaware of existing treatments. According to Franke-Ruta, the goals of the proposal include running clinical trials to determine the best combination of drugs to treat infections, getting new drugs approved by the FDA and onto the market, and pushing the ACTG to research more drugs that prevent the infections.

'An odd opportunity'

The proposal found a great deal of support from activists who attended the ATAC conference, where it was first described in the opening speech. The event drew together ACT UP members from 25 chapters nationwide to share information, and it was the first time that treatment activists had come together to learn from each other.

The event was "much larger than we expected," said Robert Warnock of ACT UP/DC, which cosponsored ATAC with ACT UP/New York's Treatment and Data Committee. Workshops included sessions on access to experimental drugs, community research groups, and the ACTG system. The "success of the conference," according to Warnock, was the integration of issues important to women and people of color into the agenda of all the sessions.

The conference provided an opportunity for activists to locate people in different cities who are working on the same treatment issues. In the past, said Warnock, two major obstacles to coordinated work have been the problem of communication and duplication of effort. It was "an odd opportunity, in that we came together not for a demonstration, but for an exchange of ideas," said Warnock.

The ATAC conference also brought a large

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The Sexpert speaks

Susie Bright
the GCN interview

LAURA PIERCE

Debating 'fetal rights'

The Supreme Court will soon hand down a decision on a case that could divide pro-choicers and labor activists

By Laura Briggs

WASHINGTON—The U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments Oct. 10 in a case that has pitted labor, feminist, and reproductive rights activists against a battery manufacturer. In *United Auto Workers (UAW) v. Johnson Controls*, the company is claiming a right to exclude all fertile women from employment in most areas of its battery manufacturing plant, saying that high levels of lead could potentially damage a fetus if women working in those areas became pregnant. The progressive coalition, on the other hand, maintains that the policy denies women equal employment opportunity, legitimizes a company's failure to provide a clean and healthy workplace, and puts "fetal rights" ahead of workers' rights.

According to activists, the case also highlights inadequacies in the worker's compensation system, and in the regulation of workplace hazards by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA). Some also say that it is a battle in which labor and reproductive freedom activists have different issues at stake, and that the future of this potentially powerful alliance may hinge on whether labor groups take a position on "fetal rights."

The case has wound its way slowly through the lower court system. When the company instituted the policy in 1982 at battery plants in 13 states, the UAW filed a grievance, charging sex discrimination. The manufacturer refused to budge, and the union filed a class action suit in 1984. In January 1988 a federal district court ruled against the UAW, but the union appealed to the Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals. When the appeals court upheld the district court in the fall of 1989, the UAW requested, and was granted, a hearing by the Supreme Court. A decision is expected before the summer of 1991.

A female job applicant won a similar legal action against Johnson Controls in California, arguing that the policy was in violation of state law. In a unanimous decision, an appellate court held that the fetal protection policy was "a blatant, overt violation" of state anti-discrimination laws.

In its Supreme Court suit, the UAW argued

that the policy is in violation of Title VII of the Civil Rights Act as amended by the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, which forbids discrimination in employment on the basis of gender, pregnancy, or related medical conditions. The suit also charges that lead is a reproductive hazard to men as well as women, and that the company has no basis to exclude women.

"The solution should not be removing women," said Reg McGhee, a spokesperson for the UAW, "but cleaning up the workplace." McGhee told GCN that when the policy was instituted, women were involuntarily transferred to jobs that would not expose them to lead, negatively affecting their opportunities for advancement, and in some cases, their income. One union member involved in the class action suit decided to be sterilized rather than accept an inferior job, even though she had previously considered having children.

Another consequence of the policy, according to McGhee, was that it created "set aside" jobs working with lead for men. As a result, some men no longer had access to jobs in other areas of the plant, some of which are "good jobs," according to McGhee. Another plaintiff in the UAW suit is a man who was denied a transfer he requested from a lead-exposed job because of his concern that it would endanger his ability to father children.

"Lead is a substance that really no one should be exposed to," said Tolly Graham of the Massachusetts Committee for Occupational Safety and Health (MassCOSH). "It is a reproductive hazard for men as well as women. Because of gender bias in the scientific research—which has been intent on proving that lead is dangerous to fetuses—men haven't been studied much," she told GCN. "But the emerging research shows that lead is dangerous not only to men's reproduction, but also to their cardiovascular system."

OSHA, which established standards for the use of lead in the workplace in 1978, specifically rejected banning women from lead-exposed jobs. The agency wrote that it "is clear that male workers may be adversely affected by lead as well as women. Male

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Quote of the week

"A reasonable person would simply have discontinued his observation and left the scene; he would not kill the lovers. Whatever a person's view about homosexuality, the law does not condone or excuse the killing of homosexuals any more than it condones the killing of heterosexuals."

—Judge Oscar Spicer, denying an appeal by a man who killed one lesbian and seriously injured her lover in May of 1988, in the Wisconsin Light. Stephen Roy Carr, who has been convicted of the murder of Rebecca Wight and assault against Claudia Brenner, is currently serving a life sentence in prison. Carr appealed his conviction based on, in part, a "homosexual panic" defense, arguing that his observation of the women engaging in sexual activity just prior to his shooting them should have been admissible as evidence during his trial.

She just said no

TOPSHAM, Maine—A district attorney here refused to press charges against four sailors who allegedly raped a female teenager because, he said, Maine law requires that a person do more than say no to attackers.

In a move that sparked outrage among feminists, District Attorney William Anderson failed to submit the charges to a grand jury last month, claiming that state law requires violence or the threat of violence before an attack can be prosecuted as rape.

"Saying 'no' is not enough," said Anderson, according to the *Boston Globe*. "There has to be some force or threat of force, and there appears to be an absence of both in this case."

The teenager, who had become ill at a party when the four sailors allegedly took turns assaulting her, blasted the district attorney's decision. "The guys who raped me are getting off because I didn't allow them to beat me up or try to kill me," she told the *Times Record* of Brunswick, Maine. "Because of that, I look like the criminal."

Laura Fortman, chair of the Maine Coalition Against Rape, said, "The assumption seems to be that a woman is saying, 'Yes, of course,' unless she physically repels her attacker." Added Fortman, "And if a woman says no, it looks like she also has to beat him over the head with a lamp."

Feminist activists held a demonstration last month to protest the decision not to prosecute and are demanding that the law be changed to indicate that rape is any sexual contact without the other person's consent.

The Navy is conducting its own inquiry into the allegations against the sailors.

Laura Briggs

March focuses on high infant mortality rates in communities of color

BOSTON—Several hundred women of color, allies, health care workers and politicians marched here Nov. 4 to demand steps to curb the disproportionately high infant mortality rate in Boston's Black community. The death rate for Black infants in Boston is more than three times that of white babies — a statistic community activists say is particularly infuriating because the city is home to some of the most prestigious infant and maternal health hospitals in the country.

In recent years, Massachusetts has recorded some of the lowest rates of white infant mortality in the nation while simultaneously maintaining one of the highest rates of death for Black babies.

"There is a crisis in our community that is taking a terrible toll on a generation of young people already plagued by poverty and crime," Viola Mitchells told the *Boston Globe*. Mitchells, who participated in the march, is the mother of two and a community activist in Boston's Mattapan neighborhood. "Too many of our Black babies are dying needlessly. For too long we have ignored this problem," she said.

The Walk for Healthy Babies, sponsored by the city's Department of Health and Hospitals, was held in Roxbury because the city's Roxbury, Mattapan, and Dorchester neighborhoods are where a disproportionate number of infant deaths occur, organizers said. "There is absolutely no reason that in Boston, the city with the best medical institutions in the entire world, that so many babies should die," said City Councilor

Bruce Bolling (Roxbury). "We cannot stop our efforts until every baby has a full chance at life."

Laura Briggs

'In the Life...Safely'

BOSTON — Gay, bisexual and lesbian people of color will hold a celebration of Condom Awareness Month at a local bar, Nov. 28. Special guests for the event will include local transgender performers, Coco Chanel and Gaylene Harrington.

Organized by a host of volunteers through the AIDS Action Committee, the party and dance is part of "In the Life...Safely," an AIDS awareness project geared towards communities of color. The project encourages lesbian and gay people of color to educate each other about the need for consistent condom use.

The dance will be held Nov. 28 at Indigo, 823 Main St., Cambridge, Mass., from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 437-6200, extension 229.

Kelly Gaines

Army not amused by drag-loving dentist

FORT CARSON, Colo. — A court martial board here recently sentenced an Army dentist to nine months in Fort Leavenworth prison for performing in drag at a gay bar. Col. Edward Modesto was also dismissed from the service after the board found him guilty of eight counts of conduct unbecoming an officer, according to *GLC Voice*, a gay paper in Minneapolis.

Kelly Gaines

Nevada boasts latest bathroom bust

CARSON CITY, Nev. — Police here arrested 17 men last month after hidden cameras in two city park rest rooms filmed them in acts of "mutual and public masturbation, oral copulation, voyeurism, indecent exposure, and open and gross lewdness," according to *In These Times*.

Police monitored the cameras from vans in the area and recorded license plates of suspects. Police then used the license plate numbers to trace the men and arrested many of them at their homes or offices.

In These Times reports that a surprisingly large number of Carson City residents have expressed outrage at the entrapment operation, saying that police are trying to create victims out of a victimless crime. Residents have also condemned a local newspaper's decision to print the names and addresses of the arrestees.

Kelly Gaines

'St. Patrick's Six' found guilty on most charges

NEW YORK — Six activists who participated in the demonstration against the Catholic Church and John Cardinal O'Connor last December were found guilty Nov. 8 on most charges. Sentencing has been set for Jan. 7, 1991.

The six activists were charged with four counts: disorderly conduct, trespass, resisting arrest and interrupting a religious service. All defendants were found guilty on all charges except for one defendant who was found not guilty of trespass and resisting arrest, and another who was found not guilty of resisting arrest.

The defendants blasted Judge JoAnn Ferdinand's ruling, saying that they were not allowed to fairly present a defense. For example, the activists said, at no time during the trial were the defendants allowed to talk about AIDS or explain why they demonstrated inside of St. Patrick's Cathedral.

The action, which drew as many as 4,500 activists, was co-sponsored by ACT UP and the Women's Health Action Mobilization (WHAM) and focused on the Catholic Church's anti-abortion and anti-safer sex policies. The event was significant in its attempt to build coalitions between AIDS and reproductive rights activists; however, tactics used at the action generated much controversy in the lesbian and gay community. For instance, many objected to activists who demonstrated inside the church during mass. (See *GCN*, Dec. 17-23, 1989.)

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Panel explores 'child sex panic'

Among the many issues discussed are consent, legal crackdowns, and child pornography

By Tommy-Ann Alphonso

BOSTON — The sexual abuse of children and the ways in which that phenomenon has come to be framed and defined in contemporary society was a hot topic at a recent panel discussion held here. "The Child Sex Panic and Growing Repression in America" was presented to an audience of between 50 and 75 people, many of them gay men, at the Park Square campus of the University of Massachusetts/Boston on Nov. 10. The event was co-sponsored by gay publications *The Guide* and *Fag Rag*; *Attitude*; ACT UPI/Boston's newsletter; the leftist periodical *Radical America* and *Black Rose*, an anarchist group.

As some panelists made controversial assertions regarding the nature of abuse reporting and intervention, lesbian activist Jenifer Firestone, who served as the discussion's moderator along with *Fag Rag*'s Charley Shively, expressed her own ambivalence about the topic. Firestone described the danger of belittling the experiences of those who are abused in an effort to debunk the "moral panic" that is sweeping the country over children and sexuality.

The panel's first two speakers addressed both the "escalation" of what they claim are false reports of child sexual abuse and the "hysteria" surrounding such reports. Benjamin Rossen, an Amsterdam author and self-described expert witness in an alleged child-abuse case, began the discussion. Among Rossen's writings is a book called *Moral Panic: The Story of Oude Pekela*, which documents the history of a town swept up in mass child sexual-abuse hysteria. Although Rossen asserted that child sexual abuse is a real problem, he referred to "confabulated cases" that are the result of a "slow mass psychological process from an over-sensitized public which gradually builds into hysteria."

Domeena Renshaw, director of a Chicago clinic that works with sexually abused children, agreed with Rossen's assertion that there is presently a wave of false reporting. Renshaw, who is also a professor of psychiatry at Loyola Medical School, then talked about factors that she believe contribute to this phenomena. "We are living in an age of the eroticized child who is inundated with sexual information," she said. For instance, Renshaw said she has found that in some cases of suspected sexual-abuse among siblings, the children's parents often overreact to what is normal child sex-play among children.

Also contributing to the panic, according to Renshaw, is the existence of a "child sex-

abuse industry." She described the industry as being filled with professional witnesses and other "guns for hire" who make their living from the field and therefore have an investment in maintaining a "child sex abuse industry." She further asserted that this industry is riddled with "poorly trained workers" who do not know how to accurately conduct intake interviews with children about their sexual histories and who also don't know what a "normal" child's sexual history might be. Even the 93 symptoms used to detect abusive situations are, according to Renshaw, too encompassing and vague.

At another point, Renshaw asserted that all child-adult sexual encounters are not necessarily negative. Her article "Child Sex Abuse: True or False," which was available at the discussion panel, illustrated these points and discussed the "myth that children don't lie." According to her article, "Children may lie: for attention; to protect; to please the parent who tells them to lie; to retaliate; to feel powerful."

Panelist Bob Rhodes, introduced by the moderator as a long-standing figure in gay liberation and an organizer of New York Gay Pride celebrations, addressed the increased power of the government to intervene in sexuality and the dynamics that have "created a paradise for police." According to Rhodes, raising the age-of-consent laws, lengthening the sentences given for sex crimes, increasing the vagueness of sex and obscenity laws and loosening witness rules against hearsay and incompetency "[gives] the government an incredible latitude for intervention." He stated that the increased restrictions against consensual sex between teacher and student or therapist and client and the "hysteria over child sexual abuse is poisoning the area of consent." Rhodes added that, "All of this is happening in the name of protection."

Rhodes continued by discussing "fetal crimes" and the changing legal definition of the child. "The fetus is now considered an unborn child who must, if necessary, be protected from its mother. This definition defines the mother as incubator. If the government sees fit, as in the case of a pregnant addict, they can put the mother into protective custody against her own fetus."

The final panelist was Laura Marks who is an associate editor of *Afterimage*, a publication of the Visual Studies Workshop in Rochester, N.Y. Marks spoke of the photographing of nude children and the growing right-wing assault against child photographers. During her slide presentation

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Living in leather

The National Leather Association holds its fifth conference

By Wickie Stamps

PORTLAND, Ore. — "Welcome faggots, dykes, straight brothers and sisters - and question marks," quipped National Leather Associations (NLA) Committee Chair George Nelson at the opening ceremonies of the group's fifth annual Living in Leather Conference held here Oct. 24-28.

The NLA, which was founded in 1986 by a handful of gay men and lesbians, is active in numerous anti-censorship campaigns, and has established an international network of over 400 Leather/SM/Fetish organizations who communicate through more than 200 publications.

"The NLA is not only an organization that is challenging and changing laws that are negatively impacting our community," explained Ms. NLA 1989-90 Jan Lyon, "it is an organization that represents us as the proud perverts that we are." Lyon, who addressed the crowd wearing a top hat and tuxedo, added, "We began as a lesbian and gay organization and have matured to encompass everyone."

At this year's gathering, which was attended by over 500 kinky people, SM sexuality — including SM for people with disabilities, solo players and professional dominants — was explored in four days of workshops, demonstrations and lectures. Crafts persons, such as master whip makers and piercers, as well as SM artists and

photographers from the United States and Canada, were also represented.

"We are on the cutting edge of sexuality," asserted keynote speaker Rev. Troy Perry, founder of the Universal Fellowship of Metropolitan Community Churches. "When I first saw gay leathermen, I was terrified. But the friend I was with reassured me that 'under all that leather beats a nelly heart,'" said Perry, who had the audience in stitches with his SM coming out tales. On a more serious note, Perry told the audience that, "We must never let people discriminate against us. If we are to win this battle against discrimination, we must organize. The greatest work ahead of us is to educate people about what leather means to us."

The names of those who have died from AIDS and other illnesses were read off by Wayne Gloege, an NLA National Advisory Council member, and NLA National co-chair Judy Tallwing McCarthey. During the moment of silence, McCarthey asserted that "most of the people on this list were not silent. These people are our heroes for they have touched us and lived their lives openly and truthfully to themselves and others."

Lesbian SM activist and author Pat Califia and gay activist Chuck Renslow received the Cynthia Slater/Geoff Mains Lifetime Achievement awards for their outstanding service to the leather/SM/fetish community.

Next year's Living In Leather conference will be held in Chicago, Oct. 9-13.



Perry Watkins speaks at Leonard Matlovich's funeral, July 2, 1988

PATSY LYNCH

Gay sergeant clears final hurdle in Army battle

The Supreme Court refuses to hear a government appeal, handing Perry Watkins a victory in his decade-long struggle against anti-gay military policy

By Julie Graham

WASHINGTON — Former Army Sgt. Perry Watkins, discharged from the military in 1981 because he is gay, has won what appears to be the final round of his battle with the U.S. government. On Nov. 5, the Supreme Court refused to review a 1989 decision handed down by the U.S. Court of Appeals, which ordered the Army to reinstate the gay sergeant. While activists are pleased with Watkins' victory, they fear that its political impact may be limited. The court's decision is a narrow one and may have little direct effect on the Army's ban on gay men and lesbians.

"Personally I feel really great," said Watkins. He told *GCN* that the decision "has broad implications. It proves that every person has a right to be judged according to their ability."

"We're gratified that Perry Watkins has finally reached justice," Gregory King, communications director for the Human Rights Campaign Fund (HRCF), told *GCN*, "but the court's decision seems to be limited to Perry Watkins' case."

Because Watkins has been openly gay since the time of his enlistment, the court declared him exempt from the Army's 1981 regulation that called for the dismissal of all gay and lesbian soldiers. Watkins acknowledged his homosexuality when he was originally drafted into the Army in 1967. He reenlisted three times over the next 14 years, each time informing the Army that he is gay. In 1981, when the Army adopted its anti gay and lesbian policy, officials began to push for Watkins' dismissal, in spite of the sergeant's exemplary record.

Watkins, represented by the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU), filed his first legal complaint in 1981 with a federal district court in Seattle. In May of 1989, after numerous legal battles, the federal Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit declared that the Army could not discharge Watkins for being gay because it had allowed him to reenlist three times as an openly gay man. The government, dissatisfied with the ruling, asked the Supreme Court to review the decision. When the High Court, without comment, refused the government's request on Nov. 5, Watkins' decade-long struggle apparently ended.

Robert Bray, spokesperson for the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF), told *GCN* that Watkins' recent victory "will allow us to chip away at the Defense Department's deeply irrational policy." He called the decision "a major victory for a soldier under unfriendly fire of prejudice and bigotry by the Pentagon." Bray also said that the court's refusal to hear the case "exposes the hypocrisy of the military's persecution of lesbian and gay service members" and "repudiates the Army's claim that [gay and lesbian service members] undermine morale."

Bray added, however, that the case itself does not represent a major change. He said he remains disappointed with the narrow scope of the original ruling. "The court of appeals went out of its way to restrict its ruling to one soldier," said Bray. "Thousands of other gay and lesbian service members

perform well in the armed forces, only to face discharge when their sexuality is revealed."

HRCF's King expressed similar concerns. "It's so rare that the court ever does anything that we can perceive as being supportive, that our tendency is to be thrilled," he said. "But this was a very narrow decision and doesn't seem to be anything to celebrate in terms of sending a broader message to other gay men and lesbians who want to serve in the military."

William Rubenstein, director of the ACLU's Lesbian and Gay Rights Project, agreed that the decision was narrow, but called the case "a building block" in the fight for lesbian and gay military rights. "It shows that gay men and lesbians can prevail against the military," Rubenstein told *GCN*. "It shows that there's an outer boundary of what you can do to gay and lesbian people," he said, adding, "Our job now is to work in from there and do away with the whole policy."

Like Rubenstein, Watkins sees his case as the beginning of the end of the Army's biased policies, calling the Supreme Court's decision "quite a blatant slap in the face" to the Department of Defense. "For a court that is that conservative to refuse to hear a case requested by the government," said Watkins, "the policy in question has to be clearly idiotic."

Watkins said, however, that the policy itself will change only when "everyone in the military...comes out of the closet." Although Watkins said he does not believe that gay and lesbian soldiers should be required to acknowledge their sexual orientation ("If a person who is an admitted homosexual can function in the Army, then a person who is not an admitted homosexual can contribute to the Army as well."), he said that by not coming out, lesbian and gay service members "give the regulations credibility." Watkins explained that closeted service members contribute to the illusion that the anti-gay policies "are not hurting a lot of people." Said Watkins, "If there were 10,000 people in court, then we wouldn't have this law."

In spite of his cautious attitude towards the Watkins case, King agreed that an end to the military's anti-gay policy seems inevitable. "Change is going to happen," he said, "and it's only a matter of time before the Pentagon realizes that the policy is counterproductive." King cited a recent Gallup poll that proved "that the American public is clearly on the side of lesbians and gay men who want to serve." (According to the survey, 62 percent of those polled opposed what King deemed "the government's policy of discrimination.")

Watkins, who now works for the Social Security Administration, says he will return to the Army only if his retirement is at stake. "I certainly plan to get my retirement, and if that means I have to go back, then I will, it's that simple," he said.

Watkins added that if he is forced to return, he is not concerned about possible harassment. "Everything that could possibly happen to a gay person in the military has happened to me already," he said. "I've been harassed since I entered the service, and it won't be something new if I go back."

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Queer Nation comes out in R.I.

Dear *GCN* :

RI's Coming Out Day celebration, sponsored by Queer Nation, was a huge success as approximately 75 people celebrated the national holiday for gay men and lesbians. The celebration took place on the steps of the RI State House at 5:30 PM on October 11th.

Members of Queer Nation brought pink balloons, ribbons and signs. Other attendees brought purple balloons as a relaxed, informal atmosphere prevailed. There were some kiss-ins and the event was recorded by LGTV, RI's new lesbian and gay television station. There were several organizations represented in the crowd, including members of ACT/UP RI, the RI Gay/Lesbian Alliance, and Gala. Three area colleges also had their gay/lesbian student organizations present: Brown, RISD, and Johnson Wales. Earlier in the day, Brown's student group held a lunchtime kiss in.

TV media were present for the event as reporters from all three major networks in RI; Channel's 10,12 and 6 were present. Queer Nation member Russell Bennett was the TV spokesperson for the group. *The Providence Journal*, the state's largest newspaper did not show up for their second straight missed Queer Nation event.

Queer Nation member Peter Cohen presented opening remarks for the group. His message was clear and came across very well. "I think those of us here today realize that being in the closet can't protect us. All the closet does is just divide us from a community that can help us when we need it. The closet is not a safer place, only a lonelier one. Rather than be afraid, I think we should be angry. Lesbians, gays and bisexuals in RI have a lot of reasons to be angry. We should be angry because the people who occupy space in the building behind us have denied us our civil rights for another year in a row. We should be angry because our love is illegal in RI. We should be angry because gay men are being arrested for appearing as being gay in public. But we should combine our anger with the pride we're showing today and use that energy to fight back."

David Marti
Providence, RI

I am a whole person again

Dear *GCN* :

I'm a man in prison that is trying to get something looked into and do not know how to go about it. I am hoping that maybe you can enlighten me or refer me to an organization that may be able to help. Let me explain my situation and problem and give you a greater understanding of what I'm in need of.

I've been incarcerated for the past 15 years except for a year and a half that I was out on

parole before I was returned back to prison.

Since I've been here I have met and fallen in love with someone very special and would like to have a permanent relationship once we leave the prison system after we complete our sentences. I had my doubts about this relationship at first because of my upbringing as a child and of how gay people were looked upon. Though she portrays the part of the woman, she has stolen my heart in the way that no true female has. Before we decided to get together my heart was without feeling, my blood was ice and I felt nothing but hate, anger and animosity towards other people. When I am away from her I feel empty and hollow inside with no sense of meaning and when we do get what little time together we have I am a whole person with meaning in my life again.

We are presently separated again because of administrative reasons and inmate politics. But this is only for a little while, as this is not new to us. I can sit and look at her and know that in my heart I have the one I would like to spend the remainder of my years with and accept the prejudices that would follow from friends and relatives.

Her love I do not take for granted because we have fought every game and administrative hassles thrown at us by both inmates and prison officials for over a year and not to mention living within an environment where all you deal with is living and dying circumstances. She has taken feelings and brought them out of me that I had lost years ago and has changed me considerably from the way I used to be. I have done this for her also. It's hard for her to talk of her feelings concerning us but her actions speak just as loud as words and hers are the same as mine but may not be as strong, but regardless we have lasted all this time together.

I would very much like to marry her but have not gotten up the courage to ask for fear of her rejection. I also need to know if it is against the law for two male inmates to be wed while in prison and this is the help I am seeking to find out, but have no one to turn to that would keep an open mind about this subject for matters of the heart is nothing to be taken lightly.

I have thought on this matter for months and before I bring the subject at hand to her attention or even discuss something of this magnitude I need to do some research and have facts on hand to answer any of her questions that she might have. I am not blind to the fact that this could also be the destruction of a loving and caring relationship that we have nurtured and matured for over a year. You see now why the facts are so important.

I do ask that my name be used in a way that the prison administration knows nothing of this as they may use it for retaliatory reasons. THANK YOU.

Name withheld
Jefferson City, Miss

Not for me, but for my son

Dear *GCN* :

I need your help, not for myself, but for my oldest foster son. He has ARC, and is incarcerated in a county jail in a very homophobic small town in Northern California, on what I believe to be trumped-up charges. He is not receiving proper medical care. He is afraid that he will die in jail before his appeal is heard. He wants to see his extended family here in San Diego again. He was a quiet man who scrubbed floors and painted walls and helped out on the phones at our Lesbian and Gay Community Center; he used to help deliver our local gay paper in its early days. He gave a lot to the gay community in the past; now he needs your help.

First of all, please write to him. He needs your love and support. His address is Clyde Burgoon, c/o Glenn County Jail, 543 W. Oak St., Willows, CA 95988. His nickname is "Burgie."

Then, please write the Governor of California, George Deukmejian, to ask for a compassionate-release pardon for Burgie, and to your State and Federal legislators in support of legislation to allow compassionate-release programs for our sisters and brothers with ARC and AIDS who are in prison. If you would, please send copies of those letters to him, and to me at P.O. Box 7762, Suite 105, San Diego, CA 92167.

Thank you for your help and support.

Sincerely,
Bud Clark
San Diego, Calif.

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Fund AIDS not war

Dear *GCN*,

I have been greatly disturbed lately by the uncritical coverage national and local (Chicago) gay/lesbian publications have given to cases in which the U.S. military has discriminated against lesbians and gays. These articles are supportive of the individuals who have been discriminated against, without questioning the larger purposes of the U.S. military, and whether that apparatus can ever *really* support the goals of lesbian and gay equality and dignity.

For instance, Miriam Ben-Shalom wants to be reinstated in the National Guard. Is she unaware that the role of the National Guard historically has been to put down local uprisings? ACT UP groups are about the uprising-est folks I know of. How long will it be before queer NG members are used to jail and beat us up, just as queer police were used to suppress us in San Francisco at the 6th International AIDS Conference in June?

In Central and South America, U.S. military personnel teach local fascists how to torture peasants without leaving marks on their bodies. In Lebanon, Marines bombed Palestinians fighting for small pieces of land on which to live freely. In the Phillipines, "our" military bases are the source of an oppressive prostitution industry and near-enslavement of bar girls. Do I need to give more examples?

The U.S. military is the enforcement arm of a government which promotes AIDS neglect; criminalizes our sexuality; and sanctions homophobic hysteria. And we are about to go to war for oil profits for AMOCO—the perfect excuse to completely eliminate AIDS funding (and funding for the environment, for abortion on demand, for housing, and for other fundamental human needs).

I am aware that many people sign up for the military because there are no other jobs or because they cannot otherwise get the money to go to college. But instead of accepting that, as fighting angry queers, let us put our energy into forcing the government to fund jobs, health, education, and housing. I have heard that there really are no alternatives for poor people. Untrue! During the Viet Nam war, young men devised amazingly creative ways to evade induction. And once in the military, they rebelled by refusing orders, getting "lost" on patrol, smoking marijuana, deserting and

even fraggging.

I believe it is the responsibility of the gay press to encourage serious dialogue about this issue. Teetering as we are to the brink of chemical, biological, and nuclear warfare, we need thoughtful public debate on how to devise a compassionate response to those who have been discriminated against, while at the same time agitating for a government which will fund AIDS, not war.

Carol Hayse
Chicago, Ill.

At wits end....

Dear *GCN*,

Since my last letter to Chris Nealon on 8/17/90 my situation has taken a nose dive. All because of the outside interest I attracted in my fight for the right to receive and read gay books, papers and tasteful magazines.

I have now been sent to the state psychiatric prison, lost most of my property, had the warden at the last prison tell my wife I was gay, lost any chance of getting out soon (like I should have) and now after receiving it for 2 years they say I can't have *GCN*.

Seems like for every one step I advance for our rights, I get knocked back ten. I am at my wits ends and I don't know where to turn. I don't even know if this letter will make it out of prison.

Any suggestions that you have will be greatly appreciated.

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of nude children, Marks highlighted topics such as “the artist as pornographer,” child pornography and the “increased sexualization of nudity.”

Marks posited the question: “Is visual representation itself obscene?” Advocating for the right to photograph children nude, she asserted that we must be able to view these images so that we can not only start to understand child sexuality, but also how sexism begins to manifest itself in childhood (for example, by examining role differentiations).

Using examples of photographers who have been arrested because of their photography of children, Marks, like Rhodes, articulated what she sees as the growing repression against the erotic. In their zeal to crack down on kiddie-porn, the U.S. Postal Service itself has created catalogs of photographs of naked children to entrap would-be purchasers of the material. Marks explained that “The police, who are reinforcing a regime of fear, are intoxicated by their power. The only real pornography is that being produced by the police and post office who are using it to try and trap people in their sting operation. They have become this phallic posse of white men who can indulge their prurient gaze.”

Following Mark’s presentation, moderator Firestone, a feminist activist and social worker who works with incest survivors, advocated for a “healthy dialogue” on the subjects raised but also expressed her deep ambivalence. She talked about her experience as an activist who fought against a now-defeated anti-pornography referendum in Cambridge, Mass., and her confrontation with anti-porn forces who accused her and her sister activists of being a front for a multi-million-dollar conspiracy, an accusation she described as “ludicrous.”

“I understand the issue of moral panic,” Firestone explained. “But I am torn. Child sexual abuse is real and incest has negatively affected many lesbians. The topics that panelists raised need to be discussed, but they are in a scary and dangerous area between the growing power of government agencies and the child sexual abuse which does occur.”

Further discussion was pre-empted by a false fire alarm that shattered the tension in the room and silenced further dialogue.

Fetal rights

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workers may be rendered infertile or impotent, and both men and women are subject to genetic damage which may affect both the course and outcome of pregnancy. OSHA believes there is no basis whatsoever for the claim that women of childbearing age should be excluded from the workplace in order to protect the fetus or the course of pregnancy.”

The question, according to Graham, is whether the OSHA standard is strict enough to protect either men or women who work with lead. While she said that it might be difficult for a company to find ways of minimizing or eliminating exposure to lead, she noted that other kinds of industries handle the problem of safety technology differently. For example, workplaces where gold is used are incredibly clean, she said, because every particle of gold is worth money to the company.

“The underlying message of this kind of policy is that women should not be doing this kind of work, all women are potentially pregnant, and women should be in the home,” said Liz Werby of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Women’s Rights Project, which filed a brief supporting the UAW in the case. “In the vernacular, it’s the patriarchy reasserting itself.”

Fetal rights

Another issue in the case, according to Werby, is that the Johnson Controls policy singles out fetuses as deserving special protection. She told *GCN* that the policy is not an effort to protect women workers, but “an attempt to ban fetuses—and even potential fetuses” from the workplace. “There is no basis whatsoever to say that fetal health should take priority over workers’ health,” said Werby.

Separating the health of the fetus from that of the pregnant woman is a dangerous idea, according to reproductive rights activists, and one that not only serves the interests of employers; it also plays into the hands of anti-abortionists, who want to say that the fetus is separate from—and sometimes more important than—a pregnant woman.

Courts and prosecutors around the country

have recently begun to consider the concept of “fetal rights,” most frequently in cases in which pregnant women use drugs or alcohol. Opponents of fetal rights won an important victory in Massachusetts on Oct. 16, when a judge threw out an indictment charging a woman with providing cocaine to her unborn son. “There is no familiar bond more intimate and more fundamental than that between the mother and the fetus she carries in her womb,” wrote Plymouth Judge Suzanne DelVecchio. “This court will not permit the destruction of this relationship by the prosecution,” she said in the 16-page decision.

While the Massachusetts superior court decision does not have precedent-setting legal power, activists hailed the ruling, saying it is likely to be cited in pregnancy-related drug cases around the country.

‘Fetuses can sue’

The concept of fetal rights has sometimes also been employed in order to hold companies accountable for workplace hazards. In Louisiana, a waitress successfully sued her employer when unsafe conditions caused her to slip and fall, resulting in a miscarriage. According to the ACLU’s Werby, the court looked to the state constitution, which held that the fetus was a person, and awarded the woman damages. In contrast, a California court ruled in *Bell v. Macy’s* that a child born with birth defects did not have the right to sue because of hazards the mother was exposed to at work.

While there are no actual cases of children exposed to toxics in utero successfully suing employers, Johnson Controls cites fear of liability as a reason for banning fertile women from working with lead. That, according to Lisa Nazarro, a feminist labor activist in the Boston area, gets to the heart of the company’s concern with fetuses. “Johnson’s wants to bar fetuses, because fetuses can sue, even if workers’ can’t,” she told *GCN*.

Employers have almost no liability when workers are injured on the job, but, according to Nazzaro, they are concerned that they might be liable when fetuses are injured. Under the worker’s compensation system, employees are granted benefits when they cannot work because of a job-related injury, but they are also barred from suing for workplace hazards. Because all employers must pay for workers compensation insurance, regardless of how safe or unsafe working conditions are, “there is no incentive to clean up the workplace,” according to Werby.

The combination of deficiencies in the workers’ compensation system and inadequacies in OSHA’s regulation of toxic substances has led to frustration for labor activists. As a result, many labor groups supported the plaintiff in the *Macy’s* case. “The question is, is labor going to use the fetus, opportunistically, to get compensation for workers?” asked Maureen Paul, an occupational health physician and reproductive rights activist. “That would really be a danger to the reproductive rights movement,” she told *GCN*. “There is a real concern that there will not be able to be an easy coalition between labor and feminist groups, depending on how labor looks at the fetus.”

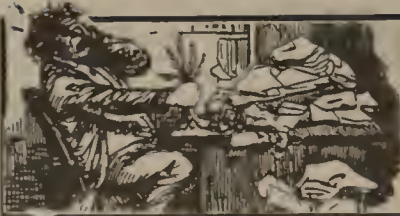
Paul said, however, that at least in the Johnson case, there are compelling reasons for labor and feminist groups to work together. “Policies like this don’t make any sense from whatever perspective you look at them. They hold women solely responsible for the outcome of the pregnancy,” she said, adding, “It’s time to make companies clean up the workplace, and put the blame where it belongs.”

—filed from Boston

ACT UP

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number of activists into town in preparation for the ACTG meeting. The AIDS-activist presence was “very large” at the ACTG event, according to Warnock. He noted that the situation was in stark contrast to the ACTG meeting a year ago, when activists protested their exclusion from the session. “It’s a pretty remarkable turnaround,” he said.



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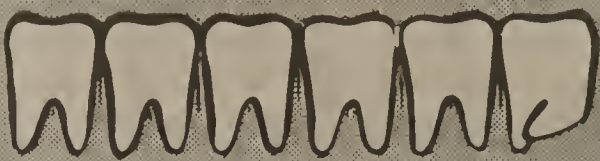
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If you knew Susie...

By Laura Pierce

Susie Bright was in the Boston area recently to take part in the Fourth Lesbian, Bisexual and Gay Studies Conference. Bright, a.k.a. Susie Sexpert, is the longtime editor of *On Our Backs*, the lesbian sex magazine.

Bright has become well-known for her porn reviews and thought-provoking essays in a host of magazines, including *On Our Backs*. A dyke-of-all-trades, she has also appeared in underground films, including *Grapefruit* in which Bright played one of the Beatles (!) as well as in Monica Treut's *Virgin Machine*.

Cleis Press recently released a collection of Bright's *On Our Backs* essays under the moniker *Susie Sexpert's Lesbian Sex World*. Bright has been on the road (with her new baby, Aretha) promoting the book, as well as spreading the word about hot lesbian sex.

She talked with *GCN* during a break from her conference activities.

Laura: You are on tour right now speaking and promoting your new book. For *GCN* readers who are not familiar with it, could you describe your message?

Susie: Well, I'm touring with a collection of essays on lesbian sexuality that I have written over the past six years, *Susie Sexpert's Lesbian Sex World*. It sounds like a bit of a circus because it is. Most of the essays appeared in *On Our Backs*, which I've been editing since we first started in 1984.

I realized that so many of the messages and ideas that appeared in the first issues are completely timely now.

The timeliness is almost unfortunate because the essays are on basic themes of sexual empowerment, orgasm, and the diversity of our desire. They're about life as it is instead of what our press release to the world has been: very noble, very martyred, very much the moral guardians of the universe. That misses out on a lot of our lives and our culture that is very vibrant, loving and exciting. We need to read about it and talk about it, to recognize ourselves and to realize how great it is. Other people need to check it out and learn something from us. A lot of what this trip has been about is exploding lesbian invisibility, with sex as the dynamite.

Another part of the tour has been to discuss porn and sexual censorship and how sexuality and the sexual liberation movements are looking in the '90s. I think a lot of exciting things are going on and our work is cut out for us.

Do you get discouraged by the current climate?

Discouraged only in the sense that I think we have won the war, but the battles are pretty hair-raising. They haven't raised the white flag yet, that's for sure. We face a really big challenge. Neither the conservative nor the liberal consciousness knows what to do about sex, it's only libertarians or revolutionaries.

Why do you think the liberals are so loathe to address the sex issue?

They have a very granola romantic view of sexuality, that sex is a new age fantasy. A



LAURA PIERCE

FAMOUS LESBIAN "SEXPERT" SUSIE BRIGHT TALKS TO *GCN* ABOUT SEXUALITY, *ON OUR BACKS* AND THE CONTROVERSIAL PREGNANCY

lot of people feel comfortable about nudity; a lot of people feel comfortable about homosexuality. But at the things that they don't feel comfortable about, they want to draw lines. Their lines are not based on knowledge, consent, intimacy or communication between partners. They're based on "I don't understand this and it freaks me out and I'm going to draw the line right here. The Christian offended by a nude beach is really coming from the same place as the feminist offended by S/M, who is coming from the same place as the man offended by female ejaculation. They don't know of what they speak. And they find the symbol or the suggestion of the activity very threatening.

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There have been endless battles over censorship of *On Our Backs*. Do you worry about someday being slapped with criminal charges?

Yes, I worry. The most recent outrage is that *Feminist Bookstore News*, a trade journal for progressive bookstores with a large readership in the publishing and bookstore industry, ran a letter from the owner of Antigone Books in Arizona.

The letter asks in the most nonchalant way possible if readers had any information about *On Our Backs* and child pornography. They had "heard rumors" but didn't have any evidence, and they asked people to please send in their substantiation of the rumors to

their address. *FBN* ran the letter without contacting us first and without any comment, although the allegations were criminal as well as insulting. I don't appreciate having that out there for every Tom, Dick, Harry and law enforcement officer to read. Of course, I am furious at Antigone as well, for asking these "Gee, I was just wondering" type of questions when we have talked to them and they have refused our magazine for years. We've been wasting our breath talking to them, they don't believe a word we say.

We had our lawyer send a letter to them, because they are this far from a libel suit—it's called "reckless disregard of the truth and malicious intent to harm." It was unethical to print the letter without reply or consideration. Clearly they don't realize the seriousness of that charge in this country, they just don't get it. They also don't understand that we are lesbians and we are a grassroots organization. Not only do we have to be more careful than any other publishers to get [photo subject] releases and not cross the law, but why would we want to exploit young people? The idea is appalling, especially to the mothers in the office. They get the idea from fiction we publish about women's coming out fantasies, but that has nothing to do with child pornography. It's ridiculous but meanwhile some people are hearing about *On Our Backs* for the first time in that letter.

How is business at *On Our Backs*? Are you growing and growing?

We have been growing about 20 percent every year by word of mouth. This year we decided to do some advertising and direct mail marketing. That has been a lot to learn, but we've reached a number of people who wish they had known about us sooner, and we've bypassed store distribution. Our ambitions and ideas are beyond our income. We could be doing fantastic things if we could pay contributors, et cetera.

Aside from the struggles of being a small press, we literally pay an economic premium for publishing sex. We have to pay

outrageous amounts to one of the few printers in the country who will print our material. We can't be sold in a million places where people would like to buy us. Homophobia, sexual prejudice, cost us a great deal. Finding a bank or other services is an ordeal. One savings and loan told us "The nature of your business is corrupt."

It must be exciting to you to be at the Lesbian and Gay Studies Conference and to be recognized and discussed by academics.

It's thrilling. Especially because I have been critical of academia for being a little slow on the pickup. I've been publishing month-in, month-out for six years and this is the first time I have ever seen any discussion on this scale of lesbian and gay pornography. I love it! Taking sexual experience seriously needs to take place on every level. I'm glad to see that so many people at the conference are political and community activists. We're not just discussing porn in an ivory tower, I expect that this will come up everywhere that people are out of the closet.

What do you think about outing?

Rather than something that I am going to do or not to do, I think it's inevitable. The more territory that gay people have taken for ourselves and the higher profile we've had, the more awkwardly ridiculous it has been to shield high profile people who are being more open than ever about homosexuality in their social lives, but are keeping a different kind of veneer on for the public face. In some ways it has to do with exposure on every level.

What do I think about what happened to Gary Hart? I also think that it's inevitable that sex and sexuality are going to be issues for celebrities, for politicians. A lot of it is titillating gossip. People say, "But what about the school teacher down the block?" It's not happening to the school teacher down the block; it's happening to John Travolta. People have always betrayed other people, that's something to talk about—betrayal, jealousy. I don't approve of those, but I approve of the

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Robert Morse as Truman Capote

Tru stories

Robert Morse brings Truman Capote to life in Jay Presson Allen's one-person show

Tru

Written and directed by Jay Presson Allen. From the words and works of Truman Capote. With Robert Morse. National Tour at the Wilbur Theatre, Boston, through Nov 25.

Reviewed by Tom Formicola

The real magic of Jay Presson Allen's play *Tru* is that it utterly involves the audience and showcases a lively, engrossing and well-rounded performance by Robert Morse. Unlike most one-person plays, which are just chock full of exposition, *Tru* never seems artificial or contrived. The audience doesn't find itself leaving the theatre wondering who the actor was talking to and why.

Tru has a legitimate purpose; it is not just a forum for an eccentric character to gossip and tell funny stories. Instead, the play is an exploration of the psyche of a man who is desperately trying to understand himself and the choices he has made. The playwright captures Capote at a time when his isolation forces him to reevaluate his life.

Tru takes place during the Christmas season of 1975, just after *Esquire* has published an excerpt from *Answered Prayers*, Capote's unfinished novel that chronicles the exploits of the rich and beautiful people he mingled with throughout his career. As a result, most of these people feel betrayed by Capote and have turned their backs on him. (He was, in fact, never forgiven and cast out of their social milieu forever.) So, when the audience finds Truman Capote alone in his apartment and on stage, it's not just a theatrical device. He has literally been abandoned by the people he loves most, and he needs an audience to listen to him. He needs someone to entertain, to kill time with, to make him feel less lonely. "I need a little dirt fix," he tells us. And that is precisely why he has called us all together, to hear him talk about himself and the people he has known.

As Capote, Morse seems to talk genuinely to his audience. He tells us his stories, makes his revelations; and then waits for our reactions. Even more miraculously, he responds to us. We're taken into his confidence. In fact, part of what drives this character is his need for us to be there listening to him. In that respect, the audience is actually a participant in the play, very nearly a second character. We are essential for the continuation of Capote's story-telling. It's our presence that keeps him going.

Robert Morse does not so much play Truman Capote as inhabit the character. When he shuffles across the stage in his over-sized sweater, wrinkled pants and slippers, you forget that you're watching an



actor playing a role. Morse perfectly captures all of Capote's mannerisms and quirkiness in a wonderfully spontaneous performance. You can't help but feel that you're watching the genuine article and that everything is happening for the first time right before your eyes.

One of the particular strengths of Morse's performance is his remarkable ability to create a character with an interior life which we sense him struggling not to reveal. We listen as he talks about his writing, friends, homosexuality, alcoholism and troubled childhood. We watch him thinking carefully about which things he should and should not tell us. There is tremendous power in that kind of performance. At one point in the evening, Capote says that he is always troubled by the feeling that at any minute something terrible could happen. Certainly, we have that very same feeling. We are never quite sure what to expect from him. Very often the play makes us laugh when we want to cry and cry when we want to laugh.

Tru only falters when it does not trust the actor's performance. Robert Morse is skilled enough to portray Capote's childhood trauma. We don't need the voice of Mrs. Ferguson or the lights to come down to tell us that Capote is troubled. In fact, these conventions seem intrusions on what otherwise is a very naturalist process of just listening to Capote talk to us. These devices unhappily remind us that we're only watching a play just when we're forgetting that fact.

Robert Morse (who won a Best Actor Tony for this performance on Broadway) got a standing ovation on the evening I attended. He should get one every night. From Boston, *Tru* travels to Stanford, Dallas, Cincinnati, Louisville, San Francisco and Los Angeles. If you're interested in theater or literature, you should try not to miss it.

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People have often said, "Well, for right wing politicians outing is cool because they are bastards anyway. They try to pass anti-gay legislation when they're gay themselves." That's pretty much all you have to say about that...

When it comes to performers, they aren't making society's laws and they aren't out busting anyone for being gay. But one thing that I've always felt as an entertainer is that actors and actresses are never given credit for playing roles that are unlike their own personality. I would like there to be consciousness that your favorite matinee idol is gay. I would like the public to know that, it gives more respect for performers. I would love to be a movie star and play all kinds of roles and be this public lesbian and then I could have some big straight affair on the screen and be anyone I wanted.

That's why I don't understand why some of the stars that have a lot of power don't come out, at least as bisexual, which many of them are. I mean, some of them are exclusively gay. My big gripe about Madonna—everybody has things they hate about her and things they love about her—I have lots of things I love: her masturbating on stage and doing S/M music videos that are just the best woman-made porn available. But what bugs me is, if she hasn't made love with another woman, I must be mad. I know she has, she must have. She can't act the way she does and not have had experiences with women. But she can't break down and call herself bisexual. I don't know why that's the line she doesn't want to cross, I guess it must make her really uncomfortable.

I like to feel as if you just can't tell anymore. I find that uncertainty very comforting and I would like everyone to have that uncertainty.

People feel you are a very controversial figure ever since you announced that you were pregnant and running around having sex with men. I think certain people feel betrayed that their out lesbian role model is actually bisexual. Do you have any response to that?

I thought that cartoon you did in *GCN* for the April Fool's issue was a scream, making fun of the out lesbian bisexuals at *On Our Backs*. I don't remember exactly, but it cracked me up.

You have to look at that sense of betrayal. There is no doubt that all my lesbian sexual experience and all my knowledge about lesbian sexuality and eroticism is very authentic. It hasn't been a big trick. I didn't make up all those stories and I haven't been leading everybody down the garden path just to turn around and say "Ha, ha, I'm really straight, and I just wanted to humiliate you and I really don't feel that way at all." I think lesbians are very accustomed to doing whatever they want privately but there's a big taboo about talking about it.

I remember when I first came out, when I first started talking about my sexuality (which was the day I started being sexually active), I tried to have a little bisexual identity all by myself. Definitely all by myself because at that time the only bisexual identity that existed was swingers—or maybe as some sort of hippie phenomenon—but by that time it was the mid '70s, and it was the gay community that had some sort of culture, history, analysis and an identity. It wasn't just a scientific fact of homosexuality, it was a whole sensibility about being queer, which as we've discovered applies to most sexual minorities. It is just that gay people are the biggest

group and so many of our lessons about sexual liberation really apply to everyone.

I feel bad if someone feels betrayed by me, but they don't know the whole story. Second of all, there's something inside them, about their confidence and security as a lesbian that is unduly threatened by my private life. Whether I've fucked one man or a hundred, whether I did it to get pregnant or whether I did it for a lark, or was madly in love or did it for cold, hard cash...I mean, nobody really knows. But...if they recognize the honesty of my lesbian identity and my lesbian experience and they value their own in the ways that they've connected or lived vicariously through my pages...

One good friend was very upset when she learned I was pregnant by a man. I asked her if she felt the lesbian community was the *Titanic* and the ship was going down and there were fewer and fewer of us left around and she said yes, she did get that feeling. I said, "You know, there are more lesbians coming out now than ever before; there is more lesbian sexual activity than ever before. There are more lesbians who have never had sex with men, because there are more young women coming out without previous heterosexual experience who just never get around to doing what all of us did as a matter of compulsory heterosexuality. Lesbianism is full steam ahead."

I thought it was a big deal in the '70s when I was a teenager, but I see it's even bigger now, beyond the initial burst of lesbian feminism and beyond the initial opening of the closet. I think topics like S/M, butch/femme and genderfuck, transsexuality, and sleeping with men are all getting talked about now because lesbians have a wholer sense of themselves and we can afford to talk about them. We can actually afford it more than people realize, but the extent to which a few people began this conversation and said, "Hey, we can discuss this and the lesbian cards are not going to fold" is an indication of our confidence in ourselves and our esteem that lesbian sex is fantastic.

There is this fear that maybe Susie Bright discovered that she liked dick better, and what are we going to do? Isn't it your worst nightmare come true? For everyone out there that's worried about that, relax—I can't stop feeling the way I feel about women. I didn't decide to start and I can't stop, can't shut it off like a tap. I'm glad I have a gay identity and I'm glad that being gay means something besides the mere behavior of homosexual intercourse. The development of gay identity and culture is wonderful, that's what makes it tick. Also, if they met my baby they would be glad I fucked a man to get someone [to baby] as cute as you.

Does Aretha have another parent? Has her father been involved or are you co-parenting with another woman?

I'm a single parent. She has grandparents, a godmother, and various "aunts and uncles" who care about her. It's that kind of family, and although I don't share primary care, I couldn't do it without these people.

What are you planning to do in the next few years, besides mothering?

I would love to do more writing and acquisitions, less editing and production. Because of this book, I see how influential my writing can be. I don't want to miss my chance because I was too busy stuffing envelopes to write an article at the right time. I've enjoyed the acting that I've done in these off-beat movies in the past few years, I would like to do more of that. And I would like to make the great American porn movie, almost like writing the great American novel. It's so intimidating to me now, being a porn critic, to visualize what I would do myself. But of course I would love to. ■

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A lonely brother seeking true, real, sincere, serious friend. I'm 6'2", 187 lbs., blond hair, blue eyes. I love music, working out, martial arts, writing, receiving letters and dancing, and sharing my innermost feelings with someone I can care about. I'm tired of the games played on us people in these prisons and seek real sincere friendship from our brothers and sisters in the free world. I don't want bullshit, games of head trips, for I can get that here in prison. Come on brothers and sisters, get serious and write. I will answer all letters. Respectfully, Timothy P. Green, M.T.C. I., # 180053-538, 1150 S. W. Allapattah Rd., Indian Town, Florida, 34956-4387.

I hope your can help. I've been in this prison for about 8 & 1/2 years and it seems family and friends have decided not to deal with me anymore. I am 28, male, blond and blue eyes, 5'10". I enjoy most things, animals, music, and mainly learning. I go to school here, studying computers, mythology, history. I don't mind whowrites as long as they are friendly and like to learn from others. I would like people mature, 30 -50 yrs is OK. Writing is really the only thing I have left right now. I'm in maximum security and will be for a year or two. I hope you can answer soon. Thanks. Gordon Thomas, #16247, Unit II, Utah State Prison, P.O. Box 250, Draper, Utah, 84020.

GM, 26, Brown hair, blue eyes, seeking friendship with

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Alexander Berkman, *Prison Memoirs*

gay male, 30-45 yrs. old. No games, getting out end of '91. Donald Manning, #538907, RT 1, Box 150, Tennessee Colony, TX 75861.

GM, 22, would like to find someone to correspond with. My interests include computers, reading, movies, and cuddling. Please write. I promise to answer all letters. Steve Brown, #E-64731, I20-1-35u, P.O. Box 9, Avenal, CA 93204.



Black female, 25, would like to hear from ladies!! Race and age unimportant. My interests include dancing, martial arts (Taikwando) and all types of music and reading. Only serious responses please! Sorry, I Can't write to other prisoners. Regina Byrdsong, #A160566, P.O. Box 8540, Box 234, Pembroke Pines, Florida, 33024.

Lonely prisoner seeks correspondence. No other prisoners can write. GM, 37, Brown hair, blue eyes, 6', Loves horseback riding, fishing, camping, cooking, painting, drawing, and many other things which I would like to share with Mr. Right. Joe Rivers, #99632, Camp c-Wolf-4, Louisiana State Prison, Angola, LA 70712.

GM, professional artist, currently incarcerated and starved for visual stimuli--among other things. Would like to correspond -- and possibly collaborate -- with anybody interested and/or into photography. Amateurs welcome/preferred, including beginners. If you have and like to use a camera, please don't hesitate to write. Reno Memro, P.O. Box D-63100, Tamal, CA 94974.

I am interested in gay men between 18 -35, passive, who have feminine ways, intelligence, for real, and have kindness. I am 28 yrs. old, 5'5", 130 lbs, handsome and serious. Thanks. Brick P. Houston, # 159338, Ionia Maximum Facility, 1576, We. Bluewater Highway, Ionia, MI 48846

Nice looking male, 26, 6'3", light brown hair, brown eyes. Presently incarcerated but due to be released in near future. I am seeking sincere correspondence that could lead to a long lasting association, and help in re-adjusting upon release. I am caring, fun-loving, affectionate and understanding. College educated, and interested in fitness, boating/sailing, '70s music, traveling, collecting stamps and poetry. (See below) Age is unimportant, but sincerity is. Will answer all who write. Jess NeW, #154357, Moberly Correctional Center, Box 7-2d, 575, Moberly, MO 65270.

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Boston ♦ Poetry Reading: "To You In Your Closets." Boston poet Riq Hospodar. 7 p.m. Glad Day Bookshop, 673 Boylston St., across from Boston Public Library

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17 SATURDAY

Boston ♦ Beyond Right Now: The Sixth International Lesbian and Gay Officials Conference. City Hall. Friday 11/16 through Sunday 11/18. Info and registration: David Scordas 725-4225 or Ann Sanders 725-3485.

Boston ♦ GL&B Speakers Bureau Training In Homophobia Workshop Leadership. 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Center, 338 Newbury St. \$20. Info: 354-0133.

Boston ♦ "Taking the Test." A workshop for gay men thinking of taking the HIV-antibody test. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. AAC, 131 Clarendon St., 4th floor. Free, but limited space. Call 437-6200 x499.

Boston ♦ Multicultural Story Hour for Children of Gay and Lesbian Parents and Friends. Third Saturday of every month, alternating between J.P. Library, 12 Sedgwick St., and New Words Bookstore, 186 Hampshire St., Inman Sq., Cambridge. This month (11/90) in Cambridge. 10 to 11:15 a.m. Space is limited. Sign up: Marian or Jenifer 267-0900.

Boston ♦ Prime Timers. An organization for older gay men. Speaker: Jim Voltz, host of *PrideTime*, on "Behind the Scenes of a Gay TV Show." 2 to 4 p.m. Lindemann Health Center, 25 Staniford St. Refreshments. \$1.

Jamalca Plain ♦ ACT UP/Boston Women and AIDS Working Group Fundraising Party. 4 p.m. to midnight. 48 Hampstead St. (Forest Hills T). Donation \$5. Info: David 524-3328.

Boston ♦ Chiltern Mountain Club Annual Meeting. A day-long event including several trips and a potluck supper at AMC Hall, 3 Joy St. Social hour begins 4:30 p.m. Info: Loren 625-8537.

Boston ♦ Lesbian Fun and Games. Smoke and alcohol-free. 338 Newbury St. 7 to 10 p.m. the third Saturday of each month. \$2 donation.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Singles Meet. 7 p.m. DOB, Old Camb. Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. \$1. Info: 661-3633.

Jamalca Plain ♦ Women's Coffeehouse: Wes In Concert. 7:30 p.m. Crone's Harvest, 761 Centre St. Wheelchair accessible. \$5. Info: 983-9530.

Jamalca Plain ♦ Traditional New England Contra and Square Dances. Chris Ricciotti, caller. \$5. First Church of Jamaica Plain, Centre and Eliot Streets. 8 to 11 p.m. (beginners' lessons 7:30). Info: Janet 522-2216, Phil 729-9206, or Scott 536-2014.

Boston ♦ Swing Dance to Benefit GLAD. With Cheek to Cheek. 9 p.m. to midnight. Metropolitan Health Club, 209 Columbus Ave. \$15 admission. Door prizes, cash bar.

18 SUNDAY

Warwick, RI ♦ Care To Dance: A Fundraising Dance-a-Thon. Rhode Island Project /AIDS. A five-hour pledge event to take place 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. For information or to participate, call now: (401) 831-5522.

Boston ♦ Book Signing: Felice Picano. Celebrating the paperback edition of his memoir, *Men Who Loved Me*. Glad Day bookshop, 673 Boylston St. (across from Copley Library). 3 to 5 p.m. Info: 267-3010.

Clinton ♦ WOBBLES Games Night. (WOBBLES = West of Boston Lesbians.) 5 p.m. Info: Janis (508) 386-7737.

Natick ♦ MetroWest GALA Potluck / Social. 6 p.m. Info on location and dishes to bring: Scott (508) 877-6129 or Barbara (508) 653-2509.

Boston ♦ Poetry Reading: "To You In Your Closets." Boston poet Riq Hospodar. 7 p.m. Glad Day Bookshop, 673 Boylston St., across from Copley Library.

Dorchester ♦ Dorchester GALA Massage Therapy Demonstration. Tea and cookies provided. 7 p.m. Info: Pat 288-6396.

Dorchester ♦ Todd and Michael's Silent Movie Night. Mary Pickford stars in comedy feature *Little Annie Rooney* (1925). 7 p.m. Info: 288-0391.

Cambridge ♦ "Hidden: A Gender." Written by a transsexual lesbian and speaking of transsexuals: When it comes to gender, why can't we count higher than

two? 8 p.m. Little Kresge Theatre, MIT. \$5. Ticket info: Jere 629-9717.

19 MONDAY

Cambridge ♦ Gay and Lesbian Academic Study Seminar at M.I.T. 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. Info: Ed 547-9487 or Waverly 524-9250.

20 TUESDAY

Boston ♦ Thanksgiving Dinner: "Celebration of Life." Sponsored by AAC Monday Night Dinner Program in association with 14 AIDS-related organizations throughout New England.

Cambridge ♦ Book Signing and Reading. Barbara Wilson signs and reads *Gaudi Afternoon*. Signing 1 p.m. at Kate's Mystery, 2211 Mass. Ave.; reading 2 p.m. at New Words, 186 Hampshire St.

Framingham ♦ Framingham Gay and Lesbian Youth Group. People 22 and under, meets 1st and 3rd Tuesday each month. Civic League Bldg., 214 Concord St. 6 to 7:30 p.m. Info: write P.O. Box 426, S. Framingham, MA 01701.

Boston ♦ Nutrition Just For You. FCHC's Living Well Series. 6:30 to 8 p.m. 332 Newbury St., 2nd floor. Info: Paul or Robb 267-0900.

Boston ♦ Gay Fathers of Greater Boston: "Safer Sex: AIDS ACTION Committee." Meetings first and third Tuesdays of each month. 8 to 10 p.m. Lindemann Center 2nd floor Revere Room, 25 Staniford St. Info: 742-7897.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Coming-Out Group. 8 p.m. DOB, Old Camb. Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. \$1. Info: 661-3633.

21 WEDNESDAY

Boston ♦ New England GL&B Veterans. General meeting and nominations for officers. 6 to 8 p.m. The Center, 338 Newbury St. Info: Rick 436-0760 or Cliff 723-8127.

Worcester ♦ Supporters of Worcester Area Gay and Lesbian Youth. Open to gay and bisexual youth 21 and under. Meets first and third Wednesday each month at United Congregational Church, 6 Institute Rd. 7 p.m. Info: (508) 755-0005.

23 FRIDAY

Boston ♦ Dorchester GALA Night at Obsessions. 8 p.m. 132 Portland St. (near North Station). For free tickets: Barry 288-1847.

24 SATURDAY

Boston ♦ Club Antorcha Dinner Outing. Club Antorcha is a social group for Latino gay men and lesbians. Time and place of the dinner to be decided. Info: Wilfredo 262-9362.

Boston ♦ New England GL&B Veterans Flea Market Fundraiser. General meeting and nominations for officers. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Center, 338 Newbury St. Donations urgently needed! Info: Rick 436-0760 or Cliff 723-8127.

Boston ♦ AMALGM Monthly Men's Meeting. Last Sunday of each month. The Center, 338 Newbury St., room 202K. Info: 247-2927.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Couples' Night. 7 p.m. DOB, Old Camb. Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. \$1. Info: 661-3633.

26 MONDAY

Dorchester ♦ Dorchester GALA Newsletter Stuffing Party. Place and time: Hotline 825-3737.

Network TV (PBS) ♦ "The AIDS Quarterly." Two segments: first, the AIDS crisis in Poland; second, a monologue by Edmund White, who was described by Time as "America's most influential gay writer." In addition, Peter Jennings provides a global update on the AIDS crisis. PBS, 8 p.m. (In Boston, WGBH Channel 2 and WGGX Channel 44 carry the program. It repeats 11/27 at 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on Channel 44, and at 11:30 p.m. on Channel 2.)

27 TUESDAY

Boston ♦ Buddy Program Orientation, AIDS ACTION Committee. Interested persons should fill out an application and attend training. Orientation meetings 4th Tuesday of month. AAC offices, 131 Clarendon St. 7:30 p.m. Info: 437-6200 x450.

Cambridge ♦ Tango, Rhumba, and Merengue Dance for Lesbians, Gay Men, and Friends. By New England Dance Movement Center. Beginner, Level II. YMCA at Central Sq., 820 Mass. Ave. 8 to 9 p.m. Week 1 of 4; \$37 for series. Info: 859-9455.

28 WEDNESDAY

Boston ♦ Greater Boston Business Council. Guest speakers: two psychologists, speaking on problems being gay during the holiday season. Social hour 6 to 7 p.m. Program 7 to 8 p.m. The Center, 338



Newbury St. Info: 695-1634.

Jamalca Plain ♦ J.P. Neighbors Dinner. Doyle's Cafe, Washington St. (ask the host/ess for the Neighbors). 7:30 p.m. Info: Mike 327-5669.

Boston ♦ Coming Out Support Group. At the Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 338 Newbury St. Second and fourth Wednesday of each month. 8 p.m. Info: 247-2927.

Boston ♦ Dykes' Review. A reading and discussion group. This discussion: *Lesbian Letters*. 8 p.m. Room 203, The Center, 338 Newbury St. Info: 247-2927.

29 THURSDAY

INTERNATIONAL AIDS DAY.

Cambridge ♦ FCHC International AIDS Day Benefit. A special benefit for the Fenway Community Health Center Building Project. Night Stage (above Indigo). Info: 247-CARE.

Boston ♦ Wholistic Health: A Way of Life: "The Occult: Weird Hocus Pocus or Information of Value." Sponsored by FCHC. A panel discussion by practitioners of astrology and psychic channeling. \$5. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon St., 7th fl. 6 to 8 p.m. Info and registration: 267-0900.

Cambridge ♦ Drop In at the DOB Coffee Bar. 7 to 9:30 p.m. DOB, Old Camb. Baptist Church, 1151 Mass. Ave. \$1. Info: 661-3633.

Jamalca Plain ♦ Women's Coffeehouse: Suede In Concert. 7:30 p.m. Crone's Harvest, 761 Centre St. Wheelchair accessible. \$6 in advance; \$8 at door. Info: 983-9530.

30 FRIDAY

Boston ♦ Dealing With Loss. A presentation/discussion sponsored by MCC Boston. Info: 437-0420.

Boston ♦ Living In a World With AIDS: "Belonging to a Care-Giver In a World with AIDS." Presentation / discussion with Paul Paternoster, AIDS ACTION Committee Buddy program. Aspects of being a care-giver, and taking care of yourself as a care-giver. Session 7 of 8 in series. 186 Mass. Ave., 2nd floor. 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. Info: MCC-Boston 437-0420.

Waltham ♦ WOW Goes Swing Dancing. 7:30 p.m. Info: 893-0361.

Boston ♦ Game Night. Board and parlor games every other Friday, 8 p.m. The Center, 338 Newbury St. Info: 247-2927.

Cambridge ♦ Black Rose Lectures: "The Mapplethorpe Flap: Why Jesse Helms Should Be Afraid." Michael Bronski. 8 p.m. MIT Room 9-150. Info: 524-1043.

Cambridge ♦ "Swingtime": Lesbian / Gay / BI Swing and Ballroom Dance. Music by Cheek to Cheek. Smoke / alcohol-free. Admission \$5. Old Cambridge Baptist Church, Harvard Sq. 8:15 p.m. to midnight; basic swing / waltz lesson 8:15 to 9:00 p.m. Info: 661-1792.

SUNDAYS

Boston ♦ The Gay Dating Show, WUNR 1600AM. 10:30pm-2:30am. Lesbians and gay men.

Boston ♦ BAGLY Drop-In Center. (BAGLY = Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth.) St. John the Evangelist Church, 35 Bowdoin. Info: (800) 42BAGLY.

Boston ♦ ALATEEN Group open to lesbian, gay, and bisexual youth, 22 and under. 338 Newbury Street, rm. 202k. 6pm-7:30 p.m. Info: Dave 629-2518 or Frank 666-8912.

Boston ♦ Boston Healing Circle. Metropolitan Health Club aerobics room, 209 Columbus Ave. 7:30 p.m. Info: 731-9584.

Boston ♦ Gay Narcotics Anonymous. The Center, 338 Newbury St. 8 p.m. Info: 247-2927.

MONDAYS

Boston ♦ Monday Night Dinners for PWAs and Friends. About 100 people with AIDS and their friends meet every Monday at AIDS ACTION for dinner. No reservations required. 6 p.m. AIDS ACTION, 131 Clarendon St. Info: 437-6200.

Dorchester ♦ Alcoholics Anonymous. First Parish Church, Meeting House Hill. Beginners 6:30, hardhats 8 p.m.

Worcester ♦ AIDS Project Worcester. A support group for family, friends, concerned others dealing with HIV. 305 Shrewsbury St. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: (508)755-3773.

Boston ♦ Northern Lights Alternatives Monday Night Rap Group. Talk to others living with HIV. 38 Appleton St. 7:30-9 p.m. Info: Ann O'Rourke 694-

0964.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Rap Group. The Women's Center. 46 Pleasant St. 8-10 p.m. Info: 354-8807.

TUESDAYS

Providence, RI ♦ ACT UP/Rhode Island. Call for meeting place (401) 461-4191.

Boston ♦ ACT UP/Boston. The Living Center, YWCA, 140 Clarendon St. 7 p.m. Info: 49-ACT UP.

Boston ♦ Gay Men and Lesbian Support Group for Adult Children of Alcoholics. Ten-week group beginning 9/4/90. Faulkner Hospital. 7 to 8:30 p.m. weekly. Intake interview required. Info: 522-5800 x1908.

Cambridge ♦ 30+ Lesbian Rap. The Women's Center. 46 Pleasant St. 7-8:30. Info: 354-8807.

Worcester ♦ Support Group for HIV+ Gay/Bisexual Men and Their Significant Others. Closed meeting. AIDS Project Worcester. 305 Shrewsbury St. 7-8:30 p.m. Info: (508) 755-3773.

Boston ♦ Lesbian and Gay Freedom Trail Band Rehearsals. No audition necessary. Mass College of Art, Longwood and Brookline Ave. 7:15 p.m. Info: 266-0628.

Cambridge TV ♦ PrideTime — Boston gay and lesbian television, with Jim Voltz. Cambridge Cable Channel 19. 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

Boston ♦ Boston Alliance of Gay and Lesbian Youth (BAGLY). Open to youth age 22 and under. 35 Bowdoin St. New persons' meeting 6 p.m.; women and men meet separately 6:45 to 7:30; general meeting 7:30 p.m. 523-7363 or 1-800-42BAGLY.

Cambridge ♦ Lesbian Al-Anon with child care, wheelchair accessible. Women's Center, 46 Pleasant St. 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Info: 354-8807.

Springfield ♦ Names Project Meeting. New chapter with weekly quilting meetings. All welcome. Frontier. 19 Pearl St. 7 to 10 p.m. Info: (413)788-7459

Boston ♦ Bisexual Adult Children of Alcoholics. Mass. General Hospital. 7:30 p.m. Info: Marge 259-1559.

Boston ♦ Positive Directions. Peer-led support group for HIV+ people. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon. 7:30 p.m. Info: 262-3456.

Worcester ♦ Support Group for HIV+ who are In Substance Abuse Recovery. Closed meeting. AIDS Project Worcester. 305 Shrewsbury St. 7:30 to 9 p.m. Info: (508) 755-3773.

THURSDAYS

Boston ♦ The Coalition for Lesbian and Gay Civil Rights. Meets every Thursday. The Center, rm 202K. 338 Newbury St. 6:30 to 8 p.m. Info: 828-3039.

Portsmouth, NH ♦ Out and About. A lesbian social and support group. Info: Keryn (603) 749-5852.

Boston ♦ Positive Directions. Peer-led support group for HIV+ people. Boston Living Center, 140 Clarendon. 7:30 p.m. Info: 262-3456.

Boston ♦ ACA for Lesbians, Gay Men, and Bisexuals. Lindemann Center, 2nd floor, Winthrop Room. Wheelchair access. 8 p.m. Info: 536-2856.

FRIDAYS

Watertown ♦ GLOW: Gays and Lesbians of Watertown. Info 395-4664.

Boston ♦ GCN Friday Night Stuffing Party. Come stuff the paper, eat pizza, and make new friends. GCN, 62 Berkeley St. 5 p.m. Info: 426-4469.

Boston ♦ Friday Night At The Movies. The Boston Living Center. 140 Clarendon St. Free. 7 p.m. Info: 236-1012.

SATURDAYS

Boston ♦ Frontrunners. Meet at Metropolitan Health Club for 2 to 5-mi. run along Charles. Lockers and showers complimentary. 10 a.m. Also: Tues. 12:15 p.m. at MHC; Wed. 6:45 p.m. at Hatch Shell. Info: 282-0013.

Cambridge ♦ Single Mothers' Support Group. Free drop-in group with child care, alternate Saturdays. Women's Center. 46 Pleasant St. 11am-12:30 p.m. Info: 354-8807.

Boston ♦ Pink Flamigos. For TV/TS of New England. 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. 338 Newbury St., 2nd flr. Info: 247-2927.

ONGOING

Boston ♦ Donate Your Saleable Goods or Services for an upcoming flea market to benefit Pride Comm. and The Center. Free pick-up. Info: 262-7760.

Celia.

Written and directed by Ann Turner. With Rebecca Smart, Nicholas Eadie, Maryanne Fahey, Victoria Longley, William Zappa. At the ICA, Nov 16-21, 23-25 at 9:00 pm.

IMAGO: Meret Oppenheim.

Written and directed by Pamela Robertson-Pearce and Anselm Spoerri. Narrated by Glenda Jackson. At the ICA, Nov 16-21, 23-25, at 7:00 p.m.

Separate admissions will be charged for each film.

Reviewed by Michael Bronski

Movies can show and tell us a lot about how we live, but it is the rare film that actually draws us into the private world of the imagination. Two upcoming films at Boston's Institute of Contemporary Art—both by and about women—succeed to a surprising degree in showing us not only how imagination affects the world, but how it actually happens in the head. Both expose the inner lives of their subjects (one a fictional character, the other an actual artist) and allow us to see the world through their eyes.

Celia is the first film by Australian director Ann Turner. Set in the late 1950s, the film tells the story of its eponymous nine-year-old heroine as she tries to make sense of a world that seems increasingly violent and out of control. The Australian government is mounting an attack on both communists and rabbits. The first because they are a threat to democracy, the second because they are hurting the sheep-grazing fields and the economy and are feared to spread disease. Unfortunately *Celia* (Rebecca Smart), a sweet, energetic and bright girl, is intimately connected to communists and rabbits. Her beloved grandmother, who dies at the film's beginning, was a communist, as is Alice (Victoria Longley), a kind neighbor who treats *Celia* with respect. *Celia* also has a pet bunny named Murgatroyd, and while it is bad enough that the local movie theater shows newsreels of wild rabbits being slaughtered, her pet's life becomes endangered when the government fanatics demand the incarceration of all domestic rabbits. (This actually happened.) As the war on reds and bunnies is accelerated, *Celia* is caught in the crossfire with her very active imagination.



photo of Meret Oppenheim by Man Ray

It is hard to think of successful films about the inner lives of children: Carlos Suera's *Cria* and *The Spirit of the Beehive*, Rene Clement's *Forbidden Games* and Charles Laughton's *The Night of the Hunter*, and to a lesser degree (and beneath its gory special effects) *A Nightmare on Elm Street* come to mind. *Celia* is in this tradition. Turner's exactness in pinpointing the preoccupations of childhood is sometimes shocking. She details the fierce loyalties, the fetishes, the impact of literary images (*Celia* is obsessed with *The Hobyahs*, a book about ghostly,

Imagination and reality with *Celia* and Meret

Two new films by and about women



From Ann Turner's *Celia*

slimey night-creatures that is read aloud in school), and fear of abandonment. It makes perfect sense that when the violence in *Celia*'s world begins to escalate, her responses do as well. This is no sugar coated view of childhood but one that is unflinching and ironic. The film is not unlike Margaret Atwood's wonderful novel *Cat's Eye*; it takes a very unsentimental view of little girls. Turner's political acumen is remarkable, she touches on sexual harassment, populist hysteria and red-baiting social repression without ever being obvious or didactic.

There has been a tendency in almost all of the reviews *Celia* has garnered at festival showings to compare it to such films as Gillian Armstrong's *My Brilliant Career* and Jane Campion's *Sweetie*. Even though Australian films by women are obviously unlike, *Celia* is distinctly different from those. Unlike *My Brilliant Career*, is not a traditional coming-of-age tale and unlike *Sweetie*'s domesticized hallucinatory vision of the world, it is actually quite straightforward and emotionally direct. *Celia* is charming, yet terribly frightening; a glimpse into the horrors of childhood that doesn't forsake politics for psychology, or understanding for analysis.

If good films about childhood are rare, good films about artists are even more so. Some bio-pics manage to rise above the genre, like Ken Russell's *Savage Messiah* (1972), or the little seen *Aloise* (1975), which features a brilliant performance by Delphine Seyrig. Documentaries are even more problematic since they tend to over-intellectualize their subjects. *IMAGO: Meret Oppenheim*, by Somerville, Mass., filmmakers Pamela Robertson-Pearce and Anselm Spoerri, bases its text on the writing, memoirs and letters of the surrealist artist Meret Oppenheim, famous for her 1936 "Fur Lined Teacup." Oppenheim, who died in 1985, struggled for years to establish herself as an artist who did more than one, albeit very famous, piece. She is presented as a feisty, forthright feminist whose theories of both art and sexuality come partly from Jung and partly from nature and whose independence was achieved at no small cost.

"Imagination is the landscape that artists walk through," the glorious voice of Glenda Jackson reading Oppenheim's words tells us early in the film, and it is clear that Oppenheim's imagination both propelled and protected her throughout her life. Robertson-Pearce and Spoerri move their camera fluidly around Oppenheim's art and her homes, suggesting connection rather than illustrating the narration. Although the film has a fairly traditional approach to documentary filmmaking, it manages to transcend its simple style and bring us into Oppenheim's mind and emotions. *IMAGO: Meret Oppenheim* is intelligent, perceptive and has an imagination that complements its subjects.



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